

REMARKS

By this amendment, claim 1 has been amended, no claims have been cancelled, and no claims have been added. Accordingly, claims 1-20 are currently pending in the application, of which claims 1, 14-17 are independent claims. Applicant appreciates the indication that claims 4-12 contain allowable subject matter.

Applicant respectfully submits that the above amendments do not add new matter to the application and are fully supported by the specification. Support for the amendment may be found at least in Figure 6 and at specification paragraph [0071].

Entry of the Amendments and Remarks is respectfully requested because entry of Amendment places the present application in condition for allowance, or in the alternative, better form for appeal. No new matters are believed to be added by these Amendments. In view of the above amendments and the following Remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and timely withdrawal of the pending objections and rejections for the reasons discussed below.

Title Objection

In the Office Action, the title of the invention was objected to as not being descriptive. The title has been amended to read

LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection to the title.

Claim Objection

In the Office Action, Claims 4-12 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 4-12 have not been amended since they depend from claim 1, as amended, and Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1, as amended, is allowable. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection for claims 4-12.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by Applicant admitted prior art (AAPA). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection for at least the following reasons.

Amended claim 1 recites an LCD comprising ... “wherein the first pads are electrically connected through the contact holes to each of the first terminals, and the first pads have a surface area substantially larger than that of the contact holes.” The cited reference neither shows nor suggests such feature.

“A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference.” *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ 2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987).

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) rejection of claim 1, as amended. Since none of the other prior art of record discloses or suggests all the features of the claimed invention, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 1, as amended, and claims 2-13 that depend therefrom are allowable.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 3 and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over the AAPA in view of U. S. Patent No. 4,295,711 issued to Tanaka, *et al.* (“Tanaka”).

Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection for at least the following reasons.

Claims 3 and 13 depend from amended claim 1, and Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1, as amended, is allowable. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of claims 3 and 13.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates the indication that claims 4-12 contain allowable subject matter. Claims 4-12 have not been amended since Applicants respectfully submit that amended claim 1 is allowable.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that claims 4-12 are in condition for allowance.

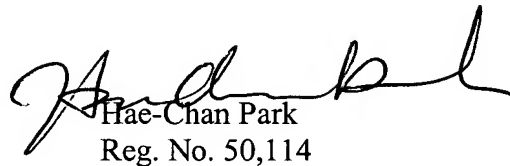
CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that a full and complete response has been made to the pending Office Action and respectfully submits that all of the stated objections and grounds for rejection have been overcome or rendered moot. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are allowable and that the application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the number below to expedite prosecution.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Reply is respectfully requested.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Attached hereto is a replacement figure sheet for Figure 5, which includes the changes, without markings, identified below.

Figure 5 has been amended to change “COF IC” to “COG IC”. Support for this change is found in specification paragraph [0065] and Figure 4. Also, reference sign “205c” has been changed to “205a”. Support for this change is found in specification paragraph [0064].